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Amendments to the Specification:

Please rewrite the paragraph from page 8, lines 1-22 as follows:

An exemplary bed system can further include a headboard member 23. headboard member can include a surface 23E that is configured to directly contact cargo within the truck bed 12 and to assist in restraining the cargo within the truck bed 12. The headboard member 23 can further include a plurality of apertures (e.g., 73, 78) to facilitate the securement of the headboard member 23 against a portion of the truck bed 12 (e.g., the headboard support component 42 as depicted in FIG. 3). However, it should be understood that in alternate embodiments, one or more of these apertures might not be present, such as when certain alternate securement mechanisms (e.g., adhesives, screws, rivets, push-pins, or the like) are employed to secure the headboard member 23 in place. Furthermore, the headboard member 23 can include one or more edge portions extending at least partially along its outer periphery. For example, the headboard member 23 is depicted in FIG. 4 as having a lower edge portion 23A, a left edge portion 23B, an upper edge portion 23C, and a right edge portion 23D. Although the headboard member 19 23 is depicted as comprising a single member extending vertically from the bed floor 14 to a position adjacent to the top of the truck bed portion 12, and further extending horizontally from the left side member 18 to the right side member 19, it should be understood that an exemplary headboard member could alternatively comprise one or more separate members that are each respectively configured to vertically and/or horizontally span only a portion of the area covered by the exemplary headboard member 23. In a further exemplary embodiment, part or all of an exemplary headboard member might be integral with the bed floor, the right side member, and/or the left side member, for example.

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Please rewrite the paragraph from page 13, line 30 - page 14, line 12 as follows:

FIG. 7 depicts yet another exemplary partially overlapping spaced relationship between adjacent members. More particularly, an interface 68 is depicted between the overlapping front edge portion 18B of the left side member 18 and the left edge portion 23B of the headboard member 23. The left side member 18 is shown to secure against the left support component 40 with a bolt 70 inserted through an aperture 69 in the left side member 18. The bolt 70 interfaces a nut 71 that is welded or otherwise secured against the left support component 40. The headboard member 23 is shown as being secured to the headboard support component 42 with a bolt 74 inserted through an aperture 73. The bolt 74 is shown to interface a nut 75 that is welded or otherwise attached to the headboard support component 42. A cushioning element 76 can be provided at the interface 68 to maintain spacing between the edge portions 18B and 23B and to further facilitate movement therebetween. The cushioning element 76 can be configured to contact both edge portions 18B and 23B even when uncompressed (as shown in FIG. 7). In alternative embodiments, the cushioning element 76 might only contact one of the two edge portions 18B, 23B while uncompressed.